**PLN Strategy #8**

**(Working with fiction)**

**Lesson Focus: (Activating Background Knowledge/Summarizing)**

**PLN piece: Word Splash**

This Word Splash activity can be used to activate students’ background knowledge prior to a lesson or it can be used to summarize important vocabulary/topics at the end of a lesson. After writing down the key vocabulary, students will use the vocabulary in a seven line paragraph.

Graphic Organizer- “Word Splash” (attached below)

I used this technique to introduce key vocabulary in a fiction text. I dictated the words to the class and they recorded each term on the Word Splash graphic organizer. They followed the dictation directions on the sheet. After they finished writing their individual stories using all of the key vocabulary terms listed on the sheet, I had the each student share their story with a peer. Next, they held a peer-conference to revise each story, checking grammar and spelling. Finally, the pairs wrote an original story together and shared it with their group.

**Word Splash**

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\*Write all of the dictated (or displayed) words in the space below.

\*Circle any word you are not sure of the meaning.

\*(If words are dictated to you: Underline any word you are not sure of the spelling.)

Next, write a brief story that uses all of the words (even if you are unsure of the meaning), in any order, and you may use the words as many times as you’d like. You may also change the ending of a word to help it fit you story. Your story had to make sense and be at least seven lines long. Have Fun!!!

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